(d) the details of additional efforts to be made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) At present there are 21 export oriented floriculture units in the country.

(b) Value of goods exported by these units amounted to Rs. 14.31 crores during the last 3 years. Information regarding quantity of goods exported is not available.

(c) In view of the export potential of floriculture products, entrepreneurs are showing much interest to set up floriculture exporting units, as in evident from the upward trend in number of approvals being sought for setting up floriculture units under the EOU scheme.

(d) The Government of India have already allowed setting up of floriculture export oriented units without any formal bonding. Such units are allowed duty free access to capital goods, raw material and consumable and can sell 50% of their production in domestic market subject to achieving positive foreign exchange earnings. In addition in respect of EOUs holding status of Export House, if exports of floriculture products constitute 10% or more of total exports made, 1% additional Special Import Licence is being given on the total value of exports.

Export of Tea and other Plantations

3210. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of tea and other plantation items has stagnated in the recent past;

(b) if so, the total quantity of these items exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(c) whether Government have examined the slump prevailing in these industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to boost the production and export of these items;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) Coffee exports have not stagnated in the recent past. However, exports of tea from April 1996 to February 1997 have been less, compared to the same period of previous year, on account of fall in exports to Russia and Poland.

(b) Country-wise details of export of various commodities are available in the monthly publication "Foreign Trade Statistics of India" published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) , Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) Do not arise as there is no slump in the tea and coffee industry in the country.

(e) The concerned Commodity Boards are implementing various developmental schemes to encourage activities such as replantation, extension planting and research to enhance production. Steps taken to increase exports include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions abroad, conducting publicity campaigns, market surveys, holding buyer seller meets, promoting brands etc.

Export of Rice

3211. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different varieties of rice exported during the last three years country-wise, year-wise;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby;

(c) the quantum of rice to be exported